

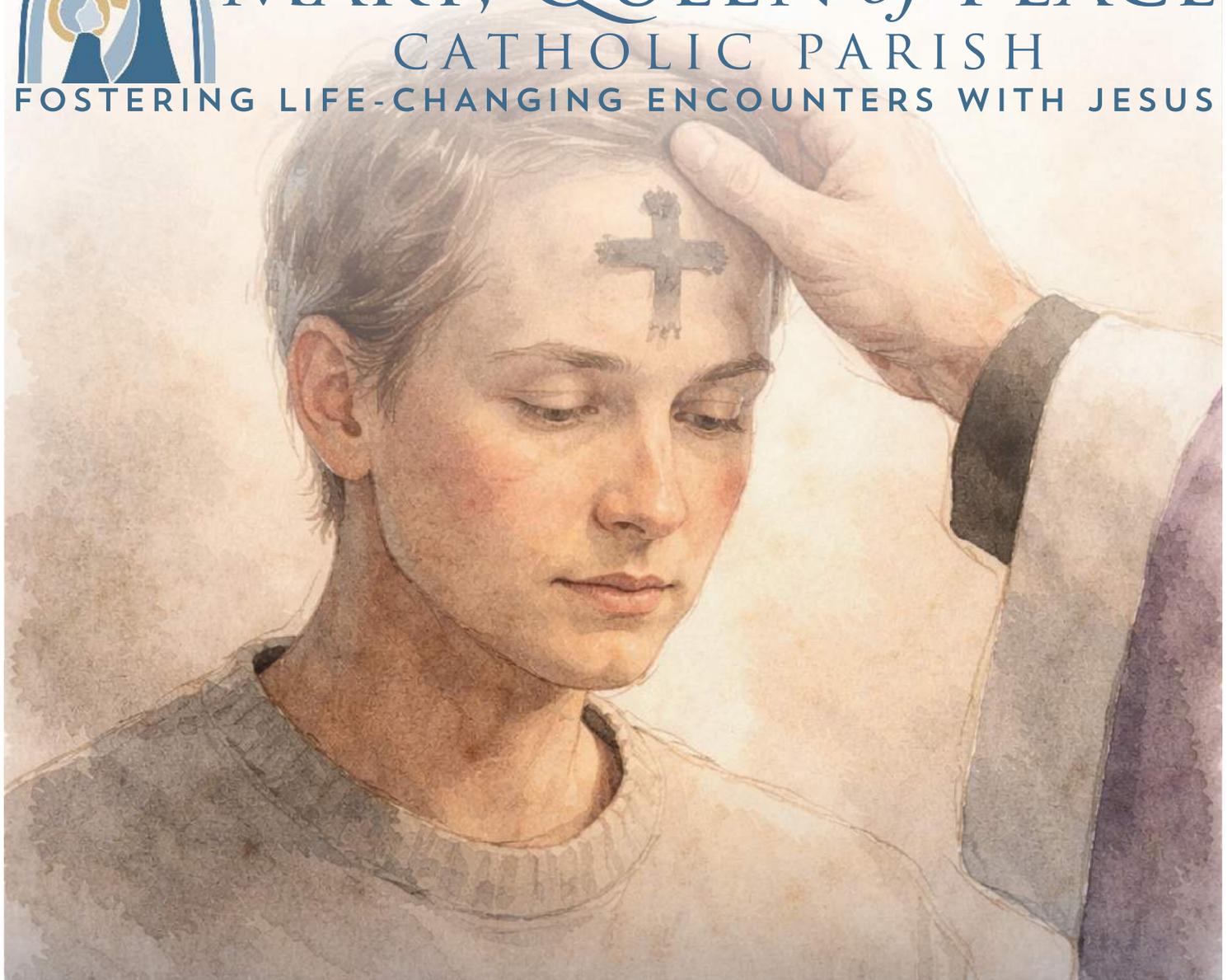


FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARY, QUEEN *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

FOSTERING LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS



A clean heart create for me, God;
renew within me a steadfast spirit.

~ Psalm 51:12

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm
Sunday | 8, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6 pm

DAILY

Monday-Saturday | 9 am

CONFESSIONS

Daily and Sunday: 30 minutes
before each Mass.

Saturday 3 pm

BY APPOINTMENT

Call the office at 985.626.6977

BAPTISMS | FUNERALS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office at 985.626.6977

WEDDINGS

Call the office at least eight months
before wedding date.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

985.630.0256

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
8 am - 4 pm

Wednesday
10 am - 4 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Content for the March 1 edition is due
by **11:59 pm February 19, 2026**.
Content for the March 8 edition is due
by **11:59 pm February 26, 2026**.
Please email Stephen Johnson at
sjohnson@maryqueenofpeace.org
with submissions for the bulletin.

WORSHIP & PRAY

THANKS TO OUR ADVERTIZERS

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THANK YOU!

WELCOME TO MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE

We're so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for the first time or considering making MQP your parish home, we'd love to stay connected. Sign up for our email newsletter and consider registering with the parish to receive updates, upcoming events, and opportunities to grow in faith and community. Scan the code below to get connected today.

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sign up



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of
Marion Seeber

OUR LADY HOPE OF THE HOPELESS

The Icon Candles Burn in Memory of
Mike Greene

ALTAR FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

The Altar Flowers are donated in Memory of
Jozef and Steffa Piechowicz

PRAY WITH THE READINGS

The Scriptures are the divinely inspired Word of God. We invite you to pray with them daily. Scan the code to access the day's readings and let God speak to your heart.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14

9:00am Julie Smyczyaski

4:00pm Mary, Queen of Peace Parishioners

Sunday, February 15

8:00am Benny Levy

9:30am Janice Rabito; Marie W. Burrow; Sarah Stone; Marla Garvey; Lori Aleman; Gerry Broussard; Savina Campo; Mike Greene; Gary J. Bloom; Elizabeth and Danny Roos; Simon LaSalle; Mark Batzer

Special Intentions

Randall Morell; Dr. and Mrs. Sean Collins and Family; Katie Joiner and Family; Caleb Fitzpatrick; Rose Marie Jackson; Dwight Bergeron

11:30am Sarah Stone; Louis and Helen Englehardt; Savina Campo; Bruce Smith; Angelina Okafor; Anthony A. Cigali

Special Intentions

Kody Audibert; Lelia and John Carroll; Lorene Burkleo; Lula Kinchen; Michelle and Keith Diaz; The Rinaldi Family; Sandra Bitterwolf; Susan and Bobby Egan; Igor Gura; Rosalie Perrin; Desitini and Chasiti Nguyen

6:00pm

Special Intentions

Family of Judith Myers- Living and Deceased

Monday, February 16

9:00am Ida Arceneaux

Tuesday, February 17

9:00am Timothy P. Villeret

Wednesday, February 18

9:00am Ron Ness

Thursday, February 19

9:00am Paula Assaf

Friday, February 20

9:00am Marla Garvey

PARISH LIFE

COMING UP

Sunday, February 15

- Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - next week, we will be in the Lenten season.
- Teenagers are invited to Rise Night in the Parish Center Youth Room, at 7 pm.

Monday, February 16

- OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 17

- Happy Mardi Gras!
- Enter the Lenten season with the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, from 6 to 7:30 pm in the church.

Wednesday, February 18

- Ash Wednesday: A day of fasting and abstinence.
- Masses with distribution of ashes: 7 am, 9 am, Noon, 7 pm. Collection for the poor.

Thursday, February 19

- She Shall Be Called Woman: All women are invited to participate, 6 pm in the Parish Center.

Friday, February 20

- The first Friday of the Lenten season.
- Masses at 9 am and 5:30 pm, with Stations of the Cross after each mass.
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5 to 7:30 pm in the school Cafeteria.

Saturday/Sunday, February 21 and 22

- Second Collection for Catholic Charities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mary, Queen of Peace offers **child care during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass** for children ages 1-4. Care is provided in the **Parish Center**, giving parents a chance to be fully present at Mass while their little ones are cared for in a safe and loving environment.



Monday Games - February 16 | No Games due to the Mardi Gras Parish Center closure.

Monthly Meeting - February 23 | 10 am - Our guest speaker will be Mark Johnson, Mayor of Covington. Mayor Johnson will speak on all the activities available in the city.

Bookworms - February 25 | 12:30 pm - We will be discussing *The Greater Journey* by David McCullough

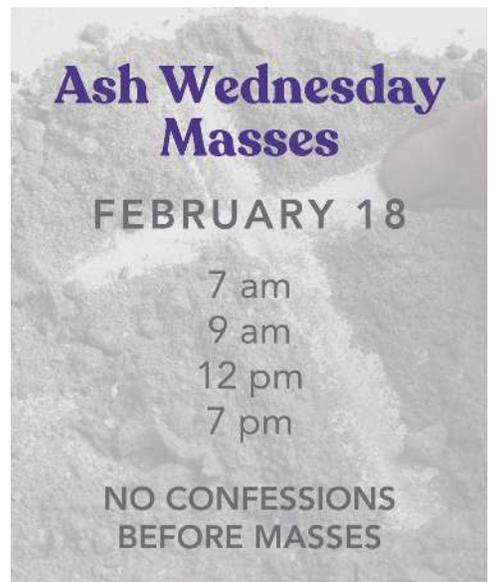
In order to attend YAH events, you must be a registered member. Feel free to reach out to Terri Hall, ermat918@aol.com or Laura Fatzner, laurafatzner@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR BAKING DAYS!

Join the St. Joseph Altar Ministry for the cookie baking days in the Cafeteria on February 21 and March 7 from 9 am – 2 pm. Come for all or part. It is an experience filled with fellowship and fun! We will be making assorted Italian cookies on Feb. 21, and Italian fig cookies on March 7. **No experience needed!** Lunch and snacks will be provided. Children and grandchildren are welcomed when accompanied by an adult. Students can receive service hours for their participation. Questions? Contact JoAnn Beach at (985) 630-2233.

HELP US PRAY:

Our Liturgical Books – Roman Missals, Lectionaries, Ritual Books - are aged and worn over time, with broken bindings, torn pages, and packing tape holding things together. If you feel moved to help with the \$2,000 cost of replacing our books, please contact Karen Baker in the office at 985-202-0232 or kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org



CONNECT

*Devotion to the
Holy Face of Jesus*
an evening of
Prayer, Adoration,
Healing & Benediction

Tuesday, February 17
6 - 7:30 pm
in the Church

Lent for the Grieving

a Season for Remembering in Hope

THURSDAYS

during Lent
1:30 pm

Every Lent we should slow down, examine our life and draw closer to God. We should also remember those who have gone before us and the impact they had in our lives. Grief and Lent both call us to reflect, to let go, and to seek hope in the middle of sorrow.

SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN
MORE AND REGISTER
or visit maryqueenofpeace.org/lent-grief



Heavenly Catfish & Shrimp



\$12 - Adult Plate

\$20 - The "COOP"

\$6 - Child Plate

5 to 7:30 in the Cafeteria
February 20

COOP Special Side
CRAB CAKE, ONION RINGS
& HUSH PUPPIES

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All Credit Cards
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Revelation

The Kingdom Yet to Come

JEFF CAVINS and THOMAS SMITH

Unpack the Mysteries of Revelation

The Book of Revelation is one of the most fascinating and misunderstood books of the Bible, and this study with Jeff Cavins helps make sense of it through a Catholic lens. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* shows how Christ's kingdom, the Church, and the Mass are deeply connected to the heavenly story Revelation reveals. If you have ever wanted to understand Revelation without fear or confusion, this study is a great place to begin.

Tuesdays | 7:45 am
Beginning February 24

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TO REGISTER



PARISH LIFE



MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

In early January, 40 men from Mary, Queen of Peace participated in our very first Men's ACTS Retreat. Over the three-day retreat, the men reflected on the four pillars of ACTS: Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. We are grateful for the fruits already taking root and look forward to continued growth as we build the ACTS community here at MQP.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Earth
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- Teaches
- Reconcile
- Obeys
- Gift
- Altar

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. – Matthew 7:12

Thank you for helping our neighbors as they face difficult times. This includes offering a listening ear, sharing tasks, and providing resources when someone is struggling.

During the period from October 23, 2025, through January 28, 2026, your generosity allowed Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Mary Queen of Peace Conference to assist 12 families with \$20,072 for rent, mortgage, utilities, food, clothing, automobile repair and gasoline as well as health and dental care.

Your kindness uplifts one another and shows God's grace through your actions. God Bless you!

SUMMIT NIGHT

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE!

FEBRUARY 26

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Acts of service will be incorporated into Summit Night for Lent.

PRAISE ADORATION WORSHIP

Bring a new Teddy Bear (at least 8 inches high) to place on the Altar steps for donation to Hope House



When kids visit Children's Advocacy Center-Hope House for the first time, it is usually because they've been hurt by someone they trust—resulting in an undeserved sense of shame. Your gift of a brand new teddy bear affirms their goodness. It provides them a choice they have control over. And it gives them comfort.

CONNECT

What if every single day this Lent, we had parishoners dedicated to praying intentionally for our community?

JOIN OUR LENTEN PRAYER CHALLENGE

- Scan the code below to choose one (or more) day this Lent to pray intentionally for our parish
- Spend 30 minutes on your chosen day in prayer for your parish family



SCAN HERE TO JOIN THE CHALLENGE



LENTEN Comfort & JOY

JESUS loves OTHERS through YOU
giving & service at MQP

What is going on?

- 1,000 pediatric cancer wigs (double our goal last year)
- Wig cost \$25 (looking to raise \$6,000 for yarn to wrap.)

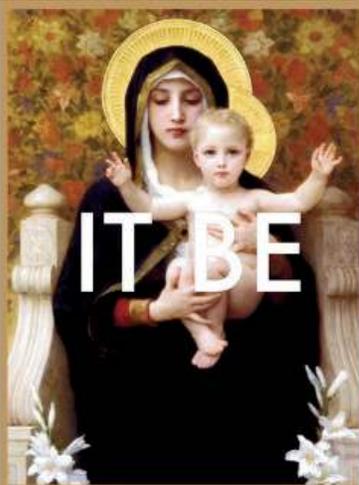
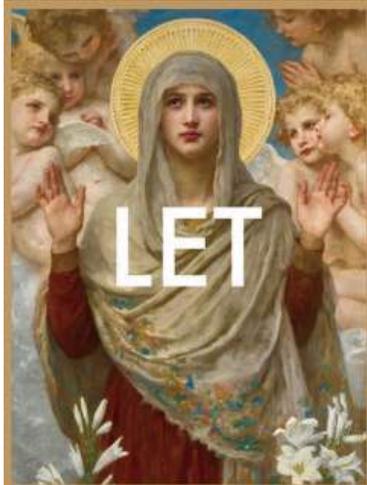
When can I help?

- February 18 - April 1

How can I help?

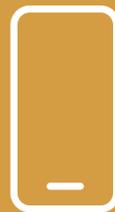
- Attend a Yarn Event at Every Fish Fry
- Submit a prayer on our Prayer Wall
- Donate (Online or Check) for Comfort & Joy
- Volunteer Assistants (NO SKILLS REQUIRED)

SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN MORE



MEN OF MQP, ANSWER THE CALL!

Join hundreds of men from across the archdiocese for the **2026 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference** on **Saturday, February 28**, at **St. Dominic Church in New Orleans**. Through inspiring speakers, the grace of Reconciliation and the celebration of Mass, discover how Mary's "Let it be done" speaks into your own vocation as a man of faith in today's world. Scan the code or visit maryqueenofpeace.org/mens-ministry to learn more, register and reserve your spot on the bus.



SCAN ME!



FROM THE PASTOR

The Season of Grace is upon us! Are you ready? Fat Tuesday will lead us into the celebration of Ash Wednesday.

It has been my experience that each year when Ash Wednesday rolls around, our congregation grows in size. The number of people coming to receive ashes is quite extraordinary. Why is it important for you to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday? What draws you to this spiritual exercise?

For me, this is the beginning of a beautiful time of the liturgical year. It is not just a penitential season, but a season of grace. The history and beginnings of Lent are not quite clear. The Sacred Scriptures do not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent specifically. However, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus witnessed towns full of people reject salvation even though they had seen so many of His miracles there. He denounced them for not repenting: "We to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you."

So, in some sense, this is what takes place on Ash Wednesday and during the season of Lent. We repent in spiritual sackcloth and receive ashes. Receiving ashes also takes us back to the Book of Genesis. Ashes are a symbol of death in the Bible. God formed humans out of dust: "...then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

Lent is a season for growing in holiness. How many of us want to grow in holiness? An important question! If this is our desire, then it is important to begin the season of Lent asking the Lord to lead us to holiness of life. **"Lord Jesus, lead us to holiness. It is you, you alone who can convert our hearts so that we become like you. Convert our hearts to be like yours, Lord Jesus."** I invite you to pray this every day with expectant faith and trust, and who knows where the Lord will lead you.

Let us look at Lent as a season of Grace. Like those coming into the Church at Easter, we too are called to be converts ... looking at our own lives and our own sinfulness in the light of grace, a time for turning away from our thirsts for the things of this world to what really matters in life.

I wish you all a Blessed Lenten Season.



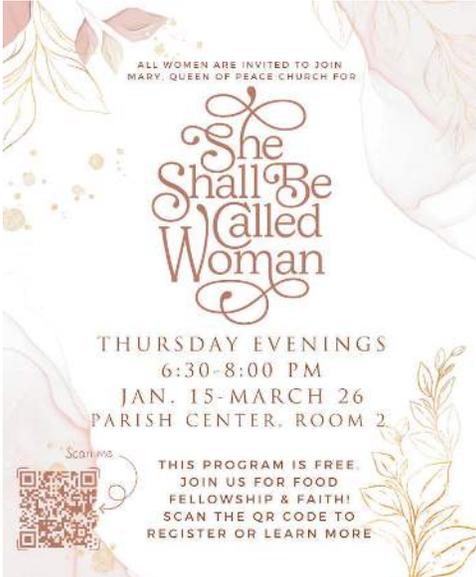
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THAT MAN IS YOU!
Discover and embrace the call to live a life worthy of the call you have received.

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

Wednesdays | 5:45 - 7:15 am
Parish Center
Join at Anytime

SCAN 

Interested in joining or looking for more information scan the code or contact Don Sustendal | cdsus10dal@icloud.com



ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH FOR

She Shall Be Called Woman

THURSDAY EVENINGS
6:30-8:00 PM
JAN. 15-MARCH 26
PARISH CENTER, ROOM 2

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Are you a senior looking for connection and companionship?

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Are you navigating grief or loss?

Would you benefit from spiritual guidance through Catholic life coaching?

Would you like to learn how MQP can walk with you?

Visit our Pastoral Care page to see how we can accompany you and to connect with the support that fits your needs.

 MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PASTORAL CARE 

PARISH LIFE

Fighting for Your Marriage

Real and Raw. Jason and Frankie Demelo will have you laughing and crying as they share their journey of marriage for almost 20 years. Jason and Frankie are the real deal with it comes to fighting for your marriage. They've been through the good times and bad, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, all for the Glory of God. Their testimony is living the love the story God has for your life and marriage and pushing through to the other side to experience a resurrection. With God, all things are possible, and not just possible, but blessed!! Jason and Frankie have 7 children with them on earth and 3 in Heaven.



Jason & Frankie DeMelo

Wednesday, February 25 | 6:30 pm
Parish Center

BE A FOUNDING ANGEL

Last Chance to Become a Founding Angel!



There are just **3 days left** to become a **Founding Angel** of the **Hands of Grace Foundation**. This founding opportunity closes **February 18**, and with it, the chance to help establish a lasting legacy of service that reflects the heart of Mary, Queen of Peace and supports those in need for generations to come.

Hands of Grace, administered through the **Catholic Community Foundation**, is seeking Founding Angels at three giving levels: **Archangels (\$5,000)**, **Cherubim (\$10,000)**, and **Seraphim (\$20,000)**. Checks are preferred and should be made payable to "**CCF – Hands of Grace**" and dropped off at the **MQP Parish Center** reception desk.

Questions? Contact **Mike Rohm** at mwroh1@gmail.com or call him at (504) 250-4049.



Enjoy Your Marriage

Strengthen your marriage with practical tools, guide reflections and inspiring sessions with Greg and Julie Alexander

- ✔ Heart-opening conversations
- ✔ Learn how to forgive and to love
- ✔ God's plan for life, love and marriage

Saturday, April 11
8:30 am - 4 pm

The cost of the course is \$150 per couple.

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or visit maryqueenofpeace.org/marriage-enrichment

Questions? Please email Audrey Huck at ahuck@maryqueenofpeace.org



BORN TO RUN
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JOIN TEAM:
MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH & SCHOOL
SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**BONNABEL BOAT LAUNCH
METAIRIE**

"Birth"day Party with food, music and family fun to follow

scan code to register or visit
womansnewlife.com/borntorun



Support the Woman's New Life Clinic and make an impact on women in need! Both races are open to all ages and skill levels.



CONNECT

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GOD'S WAY

MQP VBS 2026
JUNE 1 - 5

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Mary, Queen of Peace
Catholic School

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Please email Principal Thomas Huck to inquire.
thuck@maryqueenofpeace.org

Mary, Queen of Peace
Catholic School

2026-2027
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LEARN MORE ABOUT US BY VISITING
WWW.MQPCS.ORG

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ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR

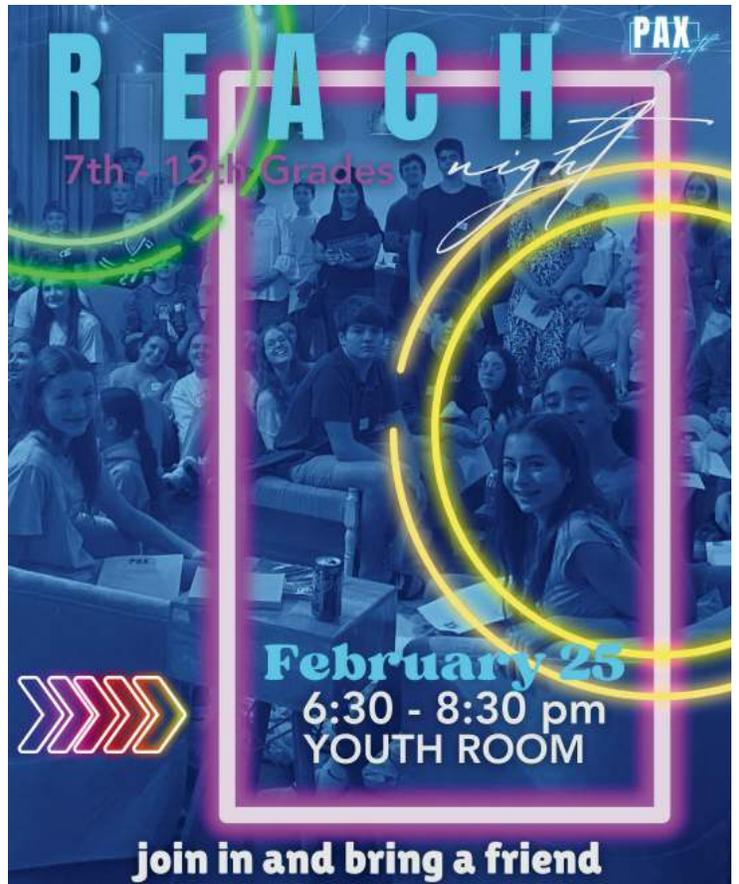
Congratulations to Isadora Berger, MQP's Altar Server of the Year! A senior at Mandeville High, Izzy has been faithfully serving the altar at MQP since 5th grade.

Izzy is a leader here at MQP and in the community, serving as Commanding Officer of the JROTC at Mandeville High. Her future aspirations are to attend either the Naval or Air Force Academies receiving nominations to both from Congressman Steve Scalise.



She maintains a 4.5 GPA, is a member of National Honor Society and has amassed over 150 hours of service. In addition to her leadership and service, she enjoys expressing her creativity through art and participates in her school's Talented Art Program, spending her free time drawing and painting.

We are grateful to the blessing Izzy has been to the MQP Community.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



2026 Northshore Lenten Morning of Reflection

“From the Cross to Life”

Thursday, March 5
9:00 – 11:00 AM

Mary, Queen of Peace Church
in Mandeville



You're invited to join **Catholic Women in Action** for our 2026 Northshore Lenten Morning of Reflection, “From the Cross to Life.”

MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30–11:00 AM | **Confession** available
9:00 AM | **Mass** with Fr. Jeremy Lambert, LC
10:00 AM | **Reflection talk** by Kitty Cleveland
Following reflection:
Marian Stations of the Cross
(inside and outside the church)
Book sales & signing with Kitty Cleveland

REFLECTION SPEAKER



Northshore-based Catholic singer, songwriter, author, and inspirational speaker **Kitty Cleveland** has devoted herself to music ministry since leaving her legal career in 1998. Known as a “music missionary,” she has released over 10 albums, including the Billboard-charting *Hail, Holy Queen*, and leads the nonprofit, *Sounds of Peace*, which brings music to the sick. Her acclaimed book *From Prison to Paradise* (2025) chronicles her family’s journey through her father’s unjust imprisonment.

For questions, contact: **Kathi Zimmerman**
504.527.6794 | kzimmerman@ccfnola.org



VOCATIO

A DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR MEN



We invite you to join us in discerning God’s call for you by learning more about the priesthood

Where / When?

Notre Dame Seminary
2901 S Carrollton Avenue,
New Orleans @ 11a

Saturday,
February 21

Office of Vocations
(504) 861-6298
vocations@arch-no.org



GRAN’S ATTIC POSITION AVAILBLE

The Samaritan Center (402 Girod St. in Old Mandeville) has a part time position for hire in Gran’s Attic Thrift Shoppe. Applicants should have ability to work flexible retail hours. Application forms will be available in the store and Administration building Monday- Friday from 10AM – 3PM.

VOLUNTEER WITH NOTRE DAME HOSPICE

Notre Dame Hospice, is looking for volunteers to serve in all parishes. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, companionship, run errands, play music, take a meal to a patient, read to or pray with the patient. Volunteers can also help with activities and special events. Any talent that you have may be useful. Volunteers do not physically “handle” patients and no medical background is necessary. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Janine Bonner: 504-418-1049 or email her at jbonner@notredamehospice.com. Thank you.

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THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
INVITE YOU TO

LISTEN, TEACH, SEND



Join us for this regional formation event to unpack the new USCCB pastoral framework on youth and young adult ministry. This event is geared to a variety of adults who minister to young people in various capacities:

Youth Ministers
Campus Ministers
Young Adult Leaders
Directors of Religious Education
Catechetical Leaders

Teachers
Priests, Deacons, Religious
OCIA Leaders
Scout Leaders
Adults serving in CYO Athletics

9:00AM - 4:00PM

APRIL 22
2026

NOTRE DAME
SEMINARY
SCHULTE HALL

A fee of \$25 will assist in covering the costs associated with lunch and workshop materials.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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STEWARDSHIP

STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Our February Steward of the Month is **Anne Bitterwolf**. Anne has coordinated and facilitated the PAX youth Fiat Rooted groups for three years guiding young women to deepen their faith and live as Christian witnesses.



If you have a suggestion for Steward of the Month, please contact Karen Baker at kbaker@maryqueenofpeace.org

Parish Giving
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